

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5343

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LCO No. 659



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: (JUD)

## AN ACT CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED BY STATE RESIDENTS WHEN RESPONDING TO CERTAIN DISCOVERY REQUESTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 52-148e of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 *October* 1, 2014):

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- 4 (f) Deposition of witnesses living in this state may be taken in like
  - manner to be used as evidence in a civil action or probate proceeding
- 6 pending in any court of the United States or of any other state of the
- 7 United States or of any foreign country, on application to the court in
- 8 which such civil action or probate proceeding is pending of any party
- 9 to such civil action or probate proceeding. A party requesting the
- 10 <u>issuance of a subpoena under this subsection shall reimburse any</u>
- 11 witness, who is not a party to the civil action or probate proceeding in
- which the evidence is to be used, for all reasonable costs incurred by
- 13 the witness in complying with the subpoena, including, but not limited
- 14 to, the costs of appearing for a deposition, the costs of producing
- 15 books, papers, documents or tangible things, electronic discovery

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- 16 <u>costs, and attorney's fees.</u> The Superior Court shall have jurisdiction to
- 17 (1) quash or modify, or to enforce compliance with, a subpoena issued
- for the taking of a deposition pursuant to this subsection, and (2) order
- 19 a party requesting the issuance of a subpoena under this subsection to
- 20 reimburse a witness for all reasonable costs incurred by the witness in
- 21 complying with the subpoena. Nothing in this subsection shall be
- 22 construed as precluding the party requesting compliance with a
- 23 <u>subpoena from making advance payments to a witness to reimburse</u>
- 24 the witness for reasonable costs in complying with the subpoena.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2014	52-148e(f)	

## Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that state residents are reimbursed for the costs they incur when responding to certain discovery requests.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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